

Weare Economic Development Committee Minutes - April 18, 2006

The meeting opened at 7:10pm

Present: Heleen Kurk, George Malette, Alice Morris, Jim Thompson

The March minutes were amended to read that WEDC should look at all aspects of commercial/industrial lighting. The amended minutes were approved.

The by-laws update is on hold until we find the original mandate.

Changes to WEDC: Joan Couhie has resigned, Scott Becker will join as an alternate.

TIF/ CBDG/Grant discussion was postponed until more knowledgeable people can attend. The woman from Hooksett is involved with their TIF will come to the May meeting. WEDC looked at possible sights for economic development, including the Sawyer land on Center Rd., the Thibeault land near Duck Pond, town land across from the Safety Station, Mt William, and the west side of RT 114 north of Maplewold.

Thompson gave a list of 7 commercial sites for sale.

WEDC looked at the goals & activities for 2006 as relates to the implementation of Master Plan recommendations:

1. Enhance & connect the villages
2. Formulate an integrated town center plan
3. Mt. William property expansion
4. Create a planned business/office park.

WEDC members would like to see the Town Center Advisory Committee reformed to help with these goals.

Other activities and research for this year:

1. TIF tax increment financing
2. Community Block Development Grants
3. Performance zoning

Malette suggested zoning ordinances or clarifications need to be prioritized and perhaps given to sub-committees to elaborate details.

Commercial/Industrial lighting ordinance

Temporary sign ordinance

Architectural standards for industrial and commercial properties

Noise ordinance

Index of industrial and commercial properties It was suggested that a meeting to include more citizens would be useful to obtain more input.

The question was asked as to whether South New Hampshire Planning commission, or some other entity could add businesses to the current use map as an overlay, or put the information on computer so maps could be more easily used. There was a concern on the cost factor. The next meeting will be May 23, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Morris, secretary